

FACTS from the City of Greenville

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Water Commission Approves City Annexation Policy for Undeveloped Properties

Undeveloped properties which may become contiguous to the City of Greenville and are applying for a water tap from the Greenville Water System will now be required to apply for annexation to the City of Greenville according to a new policy approved by the Greenville Water Commission.

The new policy states that not all properties will automatically become annexed into the City. According to the policy, the City must hold a public meeting to receive input from all interested parties before City Council may determine if annexation is appropriate. This will not delay water service to the property.

The new policy applies to properties that are located within approximately one mile of Greenville city limits. It does not apply to customers currently being serviced by the Greenville Water System.

According to City Manager Charles (Randy) Oliver, the annexation policy is not unique to Greenville. "Similar policies are in place in other South Carolina municipalities such as Columbia and Conway," he explains. The City Manager also points out the positive aspects of annexation. "There are definite benefits to annexation. Water rates are one-third lower in the City. Plus, you have the added benefit of enhanced services for police and fire protection, garbage service, street sweeping and other service typical to cities."

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